Judicial Officers working in UT of Delhi

93. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of judicial officers in each cadre working in Union Territory of Delhi;

(b) how many of them belong to SC/ST and OBC Category;

(c) whether Government propose to issue direction to fill up vacancies from amongst the candidates belonging to SC/ST and OBC Categories; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JATTLEY): (a) to (d) Information is being collected from the Delhi High Court and the Government of NCT of Delhi and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Women Courts

94. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) die details of women courts functioning at present in the various States/ Union Territories for disposal of cases pertaining to crime against women;

(b) the details of cases pertaining to women pending in these courts for the last so many years; and

(c) die effective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JATTLEY): (a) Women courts have been constituted in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kamataka, Rajasthan and NCT of Delhi. The details of such Courts are as follows:—

Andhra Pradesh		3
Kamataka	:	4 (Try cases relating to atrocities on women)
Rajasthan		4
NCT, Delhi	:	6

(b) The number of cases pertaining to women pending in the above courts are as under:

Andhra Pradesh		807 (as on 31.12.2000)
Kamataka		3021 (as on 1.9.2000)
Rajasthan	:	1134 (as on 30.11.2000)
NCT, Delhi		2852 (as on 1.12.2000)

(c) Various steps have been taken by the Government for early disposal of pending cases including cases pending in Women Courts. These include increase in Judge strength, establishment of Special Courts/Tribunals, appointment of Special Judicial/Metropolitan Magistrates, adoption of alternative mods of dispute resolution, such as, arbitration and conciliation and recourse to summary trials.

Proposal for Privatisation of Shipping Corporation of India

95. SHRIANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to privatise Shipping Corporation of India (SCI);

(b) if so, the areas of SCI proposed to be privatised;

(c) whether the Disinvestment Ministry has consulted his Ministry in that regard; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposal of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VED PRAKASH GOYAL): (a) to (c) Government have decided, in principle, to disinvestment further 40% of its equity in Shipping Corporation of India (SCI). The modalities of disinvestment are being worked out by Ministry of Disinvestment in consultation with this Ministry.

(d) Proposal has not been firmed up.

Current Share of Inland Water Ways Transport

96. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that current share of Inland Waterway s Transport (IWT) is merely 1.5 billion tonnes Km. as compared to total inland Cargo of over 1,000 billion tonnes Km. inspite of the fact that India has an extensive network of 15,000 Km. waterways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for upgradation of infrastructure in the sectQr and increase the IWT?